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## PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 04/14/01, 1945 HOURS  
NATURE OF CALL: ATTEMPTED MURDER INCIDENT & ARREST  
LOCATION OF CALL: 32507 MOSQUITO RIDGE RD, FORESTHILL  
SUSPECT: ROBERT JEFFREY MOREY, 45

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff deputies responded to an isolated location known as Flight Strip in response to a 911 call of a severe beating of a man that had just occurred at a home at that location. Deputies found that the victim, Gary Barfield, age 38, of Auburn, had received severe head trauma, and he was sent by Life Flight helicopter to Sutter Roseville Trauma Center where he is currently being treated. It is believed his injuries could be life threatening. The injuries include the loss of both eyes.

Witness statements indicate that S-Morey and V-Barfield were socializing with two other people at the Flight Strip home. For reasons still being determined, some type of confrontation occurred outside the home, which resulted in Morey striking the victim several times with a piece of wood.

The suspect also assaulted a female who was with the two before fleeing Flight Strip. This female was treated and released.

A search began on 04/15/01 for the suspect, who was believed to stay at the 'El Dorado Mine' in a barely accessible region in the area. Deputies were assisted in the search by personnel from the U.S. Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol helicopter. The suspect was spotted in a remote canyon near the mine. The suspect was taken into custody by deputies and the helicopter crew, which landed near the suspect. He did not offer any resistance.



S-Morey is being held without bail at the Placer County Jail. Arraignment is expected Tuesday.

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